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SUBJECT: CSCE - POLADS PAPER ON REBUTTAL OF EASTERN
CRITICISM

REFS: (A) USNATO 7015 (B) USNATO 7228

1. DEPARTMENT HAS REVIEWED PAPER ON REBUTTAL OF

EASTERN CRITICISM AS PREPARED BY ITALIAN DELEGATION
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WITH FRG AND IS ASSISTANCE AND FINDS IT A VERY USEFUL
CONTRIBUTION TO BELGRADE PREPARATIONS. WE HAVE ONLY
A FEW COMMENTS ON TEXT AS TRANSMITTED REFTEL B:

(A) UNDER PRINCIPLES DECLARATION HUMAN RIGHTS PRIN-
CIPLE, ANSWER (C), THE ALLIES MIGHT WISH TO
EXEMPLIFY THE FREE INSTITUTIONS REFERRED TO BY

POINTING OUT THAT FEW OF THE ALLEGED WESTERN HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES LIKELY TO BE RAISED BY THE EAST WILL NOT HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY IN THE WESTERN MEDIA.

(B) HUMAN CONTACTS (I), ANSWER II, IS NOT STRICTLY ACCURATE AS REGARDS THE UNITED STATES. SINCE US VISA REGULATIONS ARE BASED PRIMARILY ON THE PRINCIPLE

OF RECIPROCITY, OUR VISAS ARE NOT NECESSARILY

LONGER IN VALIDITY THAN EASTERN VISAS, AND WE DO SET FRONTIER CROSSING POINTS FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF OFFICIAL VISITORS. A QUALIFICATION SUCH AS "GRADUALLY" MIGHT MAKE THIS RESPONSE ACCURATE FOR ALLIED COUNTRIES AS A WHOLE.

(C) UNDER HUMAN CONTACTS (2), ANSWER I, THE ALLIES MIGHT WISH TO ADD THAT WESTERN SOCIETIES, BY THEIR ORGANIZATION AND NATURE, GENERALLY EXERT LESS CONTROL OVER FOREIGN VISITORS WHO HAVE ENTERED THEIR FRONTIERS THAN EASTERN SOCIETIES AND THUS REQUIRE SOME MEASURE OF PRE-ENTRY CONTROL. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF SOCIETIES WHOSE SOCIAL SYSTEMS AS WELL AS ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES TEND TO ATTRACT MANY FROM ABROAD WHO WISH TO PARTAKE OF THEM.
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(D) HUMAN CONTACTS (4), ANSWER III, SHOULD EMPHASIZE IN PARTICULAR THE CURRENCY CONVERSION REQUIREMENT.

2. IN REFERENCE TO PARA 3 REFTEL A, WE BELIEVE THAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT ISSUE, A TRADITIONAL EASTERN CRITICISM OF THE WEST, IS VERY LIKELY TO BE RAISED AT BELGRADE SINCE PRINCIPLE SEVEN RECOGNIZES ECONOMIC RIGHTS IN GENERAL AND UNIVERSAL DECLARATION AND COVENANTS RECOGNIZE RIGHT TO WORK IN PARTICULAR. WHILE WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE DWELLED UPON AS EXTENSIVELY AS OTHER POINTS WHICH ARE MORE SPECIFICALLY REFERRED TO IN THE FINAL ACT, WE DO NOT SEE HOW IT CAN BE SHUT OUT OF CSCE DISCUSSION. ITS UTILITY TO THE EAST WILL TO SOME MEASURE BE DETERMINED BY HOW FORTHRIGHTLY AND EFFECTIVELY THE WEST RESPONDS. THE POINTS OF REBUTTAL UNDER HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLE (REFTEL B) COMPRISE THE BASIS OF SUCH A RESPONSE. IN ADDITION, HOWEVER, THE WEST SHOULD NOT ACCEPT THE CLAIM THAT EASTERN COUNTRIES ARE THE TRUE GUARANTORS OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS. THE THREAT OF THE LOSS

OF EMPLOYMENT AND SOMETIMES SHELTER IS THE CHIEF
TOOL WITH WHICH EASTERN COUNTRIES TODAY DISCOURAGE
EMIGRATION AND DISSENT, AND DISCUSSION OF
ECONOMIC RIGHTS PROVIDES A CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY
FOR POINTING OUT SUCH POLITICAL ABUSE OF THESE RIGHTS.
A RECENT SURVEY OF 757 POST-HELSINKI SOVIET EMIGRANTS
UNDERTAKEN BY THE US CSCE COMMISSION SHOWED, FOR
EXAMPLE, THAT 35 PERCENT HAD LOST THEIR JOBS UPON

APPLYING FOR EMIGRATION. SIMILARLY, AS IS KNOWN,
LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT WAS A COMMON FATE OF CHARTER 77
SIGNERS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

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